FIGHT AT MODDER RIVER

A British Skirmishing Force Draws a Heavy Artillery Fire.

Object of the Recunnelsannee to Destroy a House Serving as a Shelter for Sharpshooters-Four Guns and Two Quick-Firers Brought Into . Action - Lancers' Borses Hit.

drew out a beauter strillery fire than has the river that the Boers were using as a shelter, from which their sharpshesters

Ganger's cottage. A detachment of Lan-

beyond the crest of the kuple. The heaviest fire was directed against the Lancers. The object of the reconnoissance was successfully carried out, the house on the bank being blown up, creating a great dust. The Boers fired a few shots afterward, but the Beitish made no reply. Four of the horses of the Lancers were hit by a few cargos. of the burses of the Lancers were hit by a | the cargoes. shell. None of the men was hurt.

The enemy have brought their trenches a thousand yards nearer the British lines Open Sympathy for England's since the repulse of the English at Maperafuntein. The reconnolisance established the fact that they have not advanced is pearest the firmsh lines.

EAST COAST CABLE REPAIRED. Confusing Reports Regarding the

Wherenbouts of General Warren, is a Pietermariusburg despatch dated De-rember 25, which states that General War-Fig. conserving whose movements much Existery has been observed arrived there with his state on Christinas Day, and went to the front. The report needs confirma-tion. The Composition of confirma-tion. The report needs confirma-tion of the second confirma-tion of the report needs confirma-tion. The Composition of the confirma-tion of the confirmation of the confirma-tion. The composition of the confirma-tion of the confirmation of the confirmation of the confirmation of the confirmation of the composition of the second confirmation of the composition of the composition of the months agreed upon for the confirma-tion of the confirmation of the composition of the second confirmation of the composition of the composition of the second confirmation of the composition of the composit December 21, records a curious report that them will probably go to Molder River. to General Warren's division have gone adian picket at Belmont is not credited to Natal from Cape Town, General War- here.

The military critic of the "Morning is to collect at some point a force decided. ly superior to the enemy's, and to drive the latter before them. Not until that is done will there be a change for the better. but a superior force means more than a from the Transvasi have been working in numerical excess. There must be efficient this city for weeks trying to enlist men to transport, and a due proportion of cavalry, mounted infantry, and horse artillery. With what success these agents have met There are no means of knowing the state it is hard to tell, but the agents are offering of General Buller's transport, but until he fairly large sums for men "to serve in the has three-quarters of his force equipped have the mobility requisite to turn the en-emy's position. It will be the beginning of large restaurants in this city. The waiter Pebruary before the necessary transport and mounted troops can be available in the army as an artilleryman. About a week and mounted troops can be available in the army as an artilleryman. About a wee West. By that time General Roberts may ago a man who described himself as a Boo be able to concentrate the forces of Gen-erals Methuen, Catacre, and French, and wanted him to entist. The agent seemed to the Sixth and Seventh divisions, but much know all about the former artilleryman

The "Standard's" correspondent at Cheve ler, telegraphing under date of December within the dast mouth between 500 and 600 men, most of them Frenchmen, had enlisted and bad gone to the war. I was also said today that two men who

The latest advices from Mafeking bear vani, but restly to form a nucleus for a reduce of December 18 when there was a bombardment which lasted two hours, without however, apparently changing the that they want recruits for the hospital that they want recruits for the hospital control of the story have announced to several without however, apparently changing the

The "Chronicle's" Cape Town correspon- ever, that if any tallels imported a huge quantity, believing that mining would continue during the

maritaburg says that there are strong sucpirions that innovent descriptions given in the bills of lading of the cargoes of Gerands that the British naval officers be contraband is discovered.

FIGHT NEAR ELANDSLAAGTE.

A Borr Defeat Reported From Native

CHEVELEY CAMP, Dec. 25-(4:25 p. m.).-- Reports from native sources state that there was fighting yesterday south had applied at his office for information as of Elandslangte. The Boers engaged came from Relpmakasr. The British troops defeated the larghest and destroyed their BRITISH PICKETS AT tents. There are no Boers at Helpmakuar

A heliograph message from Ladysmith, "We play polo here on Sundays and otherwise enjoy ourselves. There is no excessive dodging of shells."

CONFIDENCE IN BULLER.

In the Leadership. Winston Churchill to the "Morning Post," The Boers are working hard in strengthen dated Cheveley, December 26, says he found that a painful impression had been

Buffer.

He adds that all ranks in the service that immediate vicinity was not suspected. have complete confidence in General Buller, and that there is a stern determined a rared for. The number of prisoners taken windicate their trusted leader.

LOSS BY BRITISH SEIZURES.

Flews of American Firms Whose fineds Have Been Confisented. NEW YORK, Dec 27.—The Pennsylvania Milling Consums and Fint Eady and R. W. Colonel Bryan and Mr. Hogg Eugage Gilbert, experiers, who are largely laterested in the cargoes of three versels reently selzed by British warships while the vessels were on their way to Delingon Bay. Lave received the following notice from Norton & Co., the agents for their three terms.

We have been notified by our agents in Enst Landot that all goods intended to Delages. Buy in the steamship Beatric have been ordered discharged in lighter East London, and will remain there MOINTER RIVER, Don 25 - A recon- your risk and pertl. In accord with our personne by the British this morning claims in the bill of lading our responsi-

"I examined the bill of lading for the best experienced since the Boars occupied Beatrice," caid Mr. Gilbert this morning. Magyer-fourein. The British had determined to destroy a house on the bank of clause distinctly states that after the cargo her been cleared from the vessel he agent of the vessel may no longer be held re-summible for the welfare of the cargo. I have small boyes for any partien of the provide off incurries British soldiers. At have small hopes for any parties of the cargo, the drawn the twelve-pounders and the 4.7-inch lyddie gun, with three wagens, executed by the Twelfth Lancers, moved out to attack the Flort these in front of the keptles.

The wagens were fusioned behind the first parties and provide the flort the goods that are not delivered. I wrote to Secretary that wagens were fusioned behind the first parties are ly the folding the that the river land. As soon as the British were colorless reply. He told me that the seen by the Boers they opened fire upon United States Ambassador had been not them. There was a party of Boers statistic the matter through other channels. He tioned twenty yards from the well, hear also said that the case was without prece-

Busides this," continued Mr. Gilbert, "I cers attacked them, but they scattered unharmed.

The Boers worked another gun from the railway track to the north. Altogether they had four gens, besides two quickfirers. These guns were mostly mounted of work on the part of the British Govern-

DISLOYALTY IN CANADA.

Enemies in South Africa. OTTAWA, Out., Dec. 27. Sympathy for the Boers is not confined to Quebec alone, many of their game. Their vanishing gam but is now openly manifested in Ontario. A despatch today from Woodstock, Ont., states that Principal Crane, of the Dunne-ville public school, is an ardent supporter of the Boors in their struggle with Great Britain. He publicly expressed himself as such and says he tried to imbue the same sentiment into the scholars of the public school. He was warned by the school board to deeks, but refused, so the board the school of the public three years old, and is one of the largest three years old, and is one of the largest three years old, and is one of the largest three years old, and is one of the State The enst coast of Africa has been repaired and this has enabled the reseipt of news conserning General Buffers force up to December 26. There is, however, nothing of great importance recarded. The most solution to the school and the services after January I. It is said other schoolingchers in Western Solutionarthy from Natal is conserved. great importance recorded. The most contained those taken by Crune will be dealt with. The Government mow contempiates a THE PLA

Hutton cannot speak at present as to de-toile, but the principal feature is a sub-stantial increase in the number of mounted riffemen, four squadrous, instead of thre as originally proposed. Recruiting is now in active progress throughout the Do-

The report of the expture of a Can

WORK OF TRANSVAAL AGENTS. Attempts to Enlist Men to Fight in

South Africa. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.-From several quarters it has been learned that agents A CURIOUS CAUSE OF DEATH. With what success these agents have met

An instance of the work of these emismay happen before then."

So far as is ascertainable the position of the British at Ladgemith is unchanged.

The "Standard" correspondent at Cheve-

Ing the bills around Colenso and the road
from SpringGeld.

A heliogram to the "Chronicle" from
Ladyemith explains the British casualities
on December II, eight of the Gloucestershire regiment being killed by a single
shell.

The latest african from Matching have service. The agents have augmented, howm. ever, that it any of the recruits prefer 22, lighting they can be easily transferred to dent, in z desputch dated December 22, nighting they can be easily transferred to gives an interview had by him with Mr. any regiment they choose when they reach Scuth Africa. The agents think they can evade the neutrality laws in that way.

One of the men who was approached by Schlesinger says that the Republics have one of these floor agents said he had re-lumense stores of food. Speculative capi- crited the impression that the agents were

> listments, except through the newspapers. The Greek Consul General, Demitrius N. Botami, went so far as to say that his office had absolutely no interest in the sub-

> It was said at the British Consulate here piled to the British Consul General for th army against the Boers. All of these, officials at the Consulate said, had been enlist. The Consul General said that several soldiers in the United States uniform

BRITISH PICKETS ATTACKED.

The Naval Guns Directed at the Hlangwane Hills.

CHEVELEY CAMP, Dec. 26-(10:30 m.).—The British pickets were fired on by the enemy this morning. The naval guns were fired at the enemy on the Hiangwane hills and at Grubler's Kloof. The fir

ing ceased at 7,20 a. m. Christman was spen The Soldiers Grieved at the Change | Christmas was spent quietly by the troops, who passed the day in sports and the singing of songs. The men are in very LONDON, Dec. 28 - A despatch from good spirits and are analogs to get forward

defences.
While Captain Kirkwood and Charles caused by the change in the commander-ship-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa by the substitution of Field Mar-rounded by twenty armed Boers and called shal Lord Roberts for Gen. Sir Redvers upon to surrender. They did so and were ed next time at all costs to by the Boers is considered very discreditable and their loss is very serious.

CAPTURED THE PANTHER

inThrilling Sport.

The Start From Austin, Texas, at an Early Hour-State Officials, Business Men, and Cowboys in the Company-The Nebraskan Leads the ! Cavalende-Flerce Game Lassord.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 27,-The great panther and Mexican lion hunt, which had been arranged in honor of Col. William J. Bryan by his Texas admirers, took place in this county today. Over two bludged men participated in the sport. The crowd was composed of State officials, business men. and cowboys from all parts of the State. The start was to be made from this city at 9:30 g. m., but an hour before that time Colonel Bryan and former Governor Hogg, the former mounted on a bronche, rode up the principal street of the town. Mr. Bryan was dressed in corduroy clothes and wore a sumbrero, and in one hand he carried a horn, which he blew occasionally. The broucho did not take kindly to the noise which its rider made with the born, and it had several bucking spells that gave

made. The hunters rode across the rough through a heavy undergrowth, and before he was brought under control the som-brero and part of the rider's clothes had been left behind. At this critical point a cowboy came to the rescue, and the wild career of the brencho was checked. Col-onel Bryan resumed the chase and kept

close up with the hounds.

The chase lasted about two hours. The parther led the hounds several miles and finally sought refuge in a tree. The aut-mal jumpet from the tree alighting in the midst of the pack of bounds, and killever seen in this part of the State. The hunting party routed a large Mexican iton, but the bounds lost the secut, and the an-

THE PLAGUE IN HONOLULU. Two Cases of Bubonic Disease Re-

ported in Hawnii. SAN PRANCISCO, Dec. 27.-Some time ago the physicians discovered two men suffering from plague in the native quarter of Honolulu. They showed all the signs of the dreaded disease, and were

prompily isolated. It is probable that the disease was induced by Japanese coolies brought over work on the sugar plantations. These coolies are herded like animals in huge buildings, which would be regular breed-ing places for the plague.

The transport Centennial arrived tonigh-rom Manila, via Honoiulu, with a large umber of officers and sick and discharged

Horror Stricken at an Accident, Harry Sweltzer Falls Dead.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.-Walter Urkit was thrown between the cog wheels of the forty-two inch plate mill in the Carnegic Steel Works, at Homestead today, and his les was ground off. He may recover Harry Sweltzer, Urkin's helper, saw the

cident and dropped dead. The tid the gudden shock of seeing his friend urt was too much for his heart. Sweitzer was in several skirmishes with he Twenty-third Infantry in the Philip graed home with the Tenth Pennsylvania

HOW CHURCHILL ESCAPED.

Traveled Amid Difficulties From Pretoria to Delagon Bay.

CHEVELEY CAMP, Dec. 25-(4:35 p. m.) This morning Winston Churchill, the orrespondent of the "London Morning Post," who recently escaped from Pretoria. The Batuminous Mine Workers May where he was held a prisoner by the Boers,

ceived the impression that the agents were his exape from his captors. When he materially helped in their work by some of the foreign consulates, although probably in an indirect way.

Officials at both the Russian and Greek consulates in this city denied positively, of course, that they had even heard of such enlistments, except through the peware. nged, however, to avoid detection by irav-eling only at night. Whenever the oppor-tunity offered he surreptitiously hearded. January 2. freight trains bound east, but left them before daylight so that the train hands would not detect him. After several narrow escapes he reached Delagoa Bay where he was safe from pursuit, and a soon as possible he took passage for Dur ban, where he was given an enthusiasti-

He declares that his escape through exfreme difficulty was almost miraculous.

Burghers Moving South. LOURENCO MARQUES. Dec. 21 .- Ac ording to information received here from toer sources the chief larger of the Boers one being moved southward do December

The British Defeat Confirmed. PRETORIA, via Lourenco Marquez, Dec 10-(11 a.m.). The reports of the Boer victory at Colenso on December 15 are fully onfirmed. The Boers are firing on the

British Scutries Arrested.

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- A Cape Town de spatch to the "Chronicle," dated December 21, says It is reported that several men. who were lately employed as sentries, have been arrested as the result of the dis-covery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners.

The Bubonic Plague in Australia. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—The bu-bonic plague is raging in New Caledonia.

A PANAMA CANAL PROJECT.

An American Company Formed to Complete the Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 - The Panama and Company of America was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey today by Sullivan & Cromwell and Francis Lynde Sperson as counsel. The objects for which the company is formed are, among others, to acquire and complete the canal across the issimus of France. The authorized capital stock is \$30,000,000, of which is 500,000 is first preferred stock, \$15,000,000 second preferred, and \$10,000,000 common stock. An increase of stock to \$120,000,000 at an early date is said to be the intention of the promoters of the company. William Nelson Cromwell, of coursel, lad this to say recarding the new company tonight:

"The company has been incorporated for by Sullivan & Cromwell and Francis Lyndo

"The canal is at least too barrier of Education and Justice will be pleted and is open on both sides, being divided into two departments, with a secnal partment of Education and Justice will be charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington, because of the trouble in Charged With Secretly Violating the lington with the li clies. The French company has called to its aid an international technical commission, who have made a report which density disposes of all the problems presented. The cost of the completion of the work is estimated at \$190,000,000. It will be the purpose of the American company to be purpose of the American company to be completely of the energy of the purpose of the completion of the everylar prison reforms that have been instituted for the benefit of those purpose. The problems presented at \$190,000,000. It will be everylar prison reforms that have been instituted for the benefit of those purpose. cas the completion of the canal at the rliest practicable date. The diplomatic

tionsi Bank; Kuhn Loch & Co., Edward Converse, President of the National be Company; Warner Van Norden, Presdent of the Bank of North America; Au-ust Belmont, J. and W. Selfsman, George R. Sheldon, Levi P. Morton, Charles R. Plint, Capt. J. R. De Lamer, and Verson H. Brown, of the Cunard Steamship Com-

E. C. HODGES & CG. ASSIGN.

Boston Brokeruge Firm Involved With the Globe Bank.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—E. C. Hodges & Co., bonkers and stock brokers, with offices in the Exchange Boilding, 53 State Street, made an assignment this morning to political sentiment affecting his determination. George C. Dickson for the benefit of creditors. The members of the firm are E. C. Hodges, E. F. Lowry, and Frederick Swift, and they have scale on the Sosion and New York stock exchanges, and the Chicago Board of Trade. The present firm has been in business about one year and handled a large business in mining stocks. The fullure is one of the results of the Globe. failure is one of the results of the Globe

The firm this morning had about 5,000 hares of United States Mining stock. This was discredited at two banks, and the tied up in this manner it was found impos-sible to carry on business and a general assignment for the benefit of the creditors was made. E. C. Hodges said:

and we were unable to carry on our business. It is too early to give any statement of our affairs."

George E. Dickson take that experise would be put on the books of the firm and a statement of its affairs would be given out as soon as possible. The firm of E. C. Hodges & Co. made an assignment on February I. 1897, to George C. Dickson, which was then attributed to a heavy drop in wheat, the firm being heavily interested in the wheat market. At that time the firm

LAND WITHOUT AN OWNER.

A Tract in Pennsylvania Lucks Legal

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.-It was reently discovered by the official surveyor of ent of internal affairs today by the

A joint application was filed at the de- lou of his office. ty of Altonna and the Pennsylvania Rail-ad Company for a warrant for the land. his tract was never conveyed by the State,

that was given to William Pean under the charter of the Crown of England, and at mean today to Liout. Theedore Vegetwich the Legislature received from Penn's grang, U.S. N. Rev. Alongo Lippingort heirs by virtue of the divesting not of

FEARS OF A COAL STRIKE.

Go Out Next Week.

Churchill came here from Lourence Churchill came here from Lourence Marques by way of Durban. He is locking well, despite his rough experience in getting out of Boer territory. He recounts a thrilling atory of his adventures after on January I. The miners are better or earlied than ever before and their threat the state of the strike is regarded seriously.

coast. This was of course the most dan-gerous route, as the fact of his oscape had been telegraphed along the line. He man-mines and corner coal. One operator said

ran her on to Hog Island ledge. Her caris on fire and she will be a total lone

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—On board the Teutonic, which sailed for England today was \$50,000 in gold, shipped by Helidebach, lekleheimer & Co. This brings the granted six months, leaving the property of events along the property of total of experis since December 16 up to

American Firm Gets the Bid. GLASGOW. Die. 27.—The corporation has accepted the under of the National Conduit Communy, of New York, to furnish electric feeders for the transmay here. The American bid was £151,000, while the streets of Bennettsville. Johnson uset a rifle to shoot the apple off Chaffin's head that the policy of the

A Woman Banged for Murder. BRANDON, Manitobs, Dec. 27.-Emily Hilda Hinke, a domestic, was hanged here this morning for the murder of Mrs. Lane, her mistress. The execution was private, ther mistress. The execution was private, only a few persons obtaining the privilege and a white man were killed and several others wounded. Kidgeland is a small vilo

Electric Trains to Arlington Today Every 15 Minutes,

WOOD'S REFORMS BEGUN

The Governor-General Asks for Re ports From Cuban Prisons.

Freedom to Be Given to All Who Are Held Wrongfully-Interest in by his family physician. Dr. Daniel A. the Coming Cabinet Appointments Robinson. -1 Congress of Natives Called-

HAVANA, Dec. 27 - Political circles are the company has been incorporated for the purpose of accomplishing the Americanization of the Panama Canal. The company will have the support of American merchanic and capitalians of well known ability who are suited that the Penama Canal is the precirable route, and that the completion will secure a water-way between the Atlantic and Pacific in the cabinet. It is reported that the Description of the California of the Cali way between the Atlantic and Pacific in the cabinet. It is reported that the De-

in the sweeping prison reforms that have been instituted for the benefit of those persons who are unjustly confined. An order is becoming a party to the collectation of came. sons who are unjustly confined. An order issome who are injustly confined. An order is stimution is most satisfactory.

Among the financial interests behind the new company it was said today are J. Edward Simmons, President of the Pourth National Bank; Kahn, Loek Z.O., Edward C. Converse, President of the National prisons will commence. Before the middle of January but a man against whom evidence is lacking will be in jail. Not only will General Wood see that past evils are corrected, but he purposes to prevent another such congestion of justice by radical reforms similar to those promulgated by him in Santiago prior to General Brooke's accretion the island.

accent on the island.
All changes will be considered to some extent by a congress of influential Cubans from civil and public life from all parts of the Island, whom General Wood has invited

The storm about Colonel Bliss' head in consequence of the recent arrest of ten appraisers charged with attempting to de-fraud the customs will surely be renewed tomorrow as the result of orders to reaccount as the result of orders to re-arrest three of the appraisers, Losa, Mesa, and Charcun, who were released thirty-six hours after their first arrest, owing to lack of evidence against them. An order has also been issued for the arrest of two customs brokers, who are charged with complicity in the computary. The sym-pathy of the community is all with the prisoners, and against Colonel Biles, ai-though prior to the arrests gossip freely though prior to the arrests gossip freely serused some of the men now awaiting trial with crooked work. As soon as the authorities moved, however, the tendence

soldiers. She brings the news that the plague has broken out in Honoiulu.

At that time the firm mandled at the trial the chance of conviction is excellent. The end of the inwhose father is Speaker of the Louisiana vestigation is not yet, and the whole mervestigation is not yet, and the whole mer-cantile and political community is still ex-

ercised over the revelations, past and pro-NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Advices by Slot Machines Cause a San Francisco the Morgan Havana steamer Whitney, that arrived today, state that the greatest con-sternation prevails in the commercial circles in Havana over the recent arrest of a lini, for many years in the employ of the road was without an owner. This varant criminality is thought to attach to Gen-

WEDDED AT STAPLETON.

uith gesang and Miss Zennide Shepard.

Pennsylvania since the Revolutionary Stevens Shepard, daughter of Capt. E. M. NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Miss Zenside This tract was embraced within the land Shepard, U. S. N., was married at St getang, U. S. N. Rev. Alongo Lippincort Wood, rector of the church, performed the lowed at the residence of the saval inspecer, Third Lighthouse district, at Tomp-

where he was held a prisoner by the Boers, entered the tent of the correspondent here, which is pitched on almost the exact aport on which Churchill was captured six works ago.

Churchill came here from Lourence Marques by way of Durban, He is locking well, despite his rough expertence in getting out of Boer territory. He recounts a thrilling atory of his adventures after a thrilling atory of his adventur The bride was attended by her sister,

Among the guests were Rear Admiral Miller, U. S. N. (rediced), and Mrs. Miller, Rear Admiral Higginson, Capt. and Mrs. French E. Chadwick, and Capt. Merrill Miller and Miss. Miller

Major George Richards, paymaster of the Marine Corps, has been assigned to duty

Major Richards Goes to Cavite.

Shot While Playing William Tell. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 27, Robert Chaffin, sixteen years old, of Bennetisand sent the ball through his brain. Chaffin did not know the gun was loaded.

A Race Riof at Ridgeland.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 27.-News Ray reached here of a race riot at Ridgeland, lage near the coast, thickly populated by negroes. Particulars are unobsaluable.

Flynn's Business College, Sth and K. Cecil Rhodes' railway. Business, shorthand, typewriting-\$55 a year.

MR. BOUTELLE'S MALADY.

He Is Supposed to Have Acut Bright's Disease.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 27.-It is announced ere tonight that Representative Charles A. Boutelle, who was taken to Boston on the midnight train Monday night, has entered the Channing Sanitarium, in Brook line, Mass., for treatment. He is accompanied by his brother, E. P. Boutelle, and

During the Congressman's stay at home The Troubles of Colonel Bliss, nothing definite could be assertained from the doctors or from members of the family as to the exact nature of his illness, but it is now stated on good sutherity that he teeming with goodp regarding the cabinet is suffering from the most aggravated form which Governor General Wood has determined to form. The appointees will not be announced for several days yet, but in the most discovering and member of the kidneys, which has reached the stage accompanied by armine poisoning and member convolvious so that his condition has frequently hordered on the delited on the delited.

General Wood, who is considering the Jury of the United States District Court,

been called and preparing for a presentation of the case. This afternoon the United States District Attorney carried the case on much nearer to a consistent than was anticleated. Thirteen witnesses were called and gave testimony. These included postmasters and other Federal officials from various parts of the State. Four witnesses remain to be heard and the only one whose testimony is looked upon an important, and who is yet to testify, is William F. Thayer, who was treasurer of the State committee at the time Senator Gallinger.

A LOUISIANA TRAGEDY.

The Feud Between the Chadwell and Bryan's name mentioned. An Eastern man

Henry Families. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.- The feud between the Chadwell and Henry families, of Cameron, resulted yesterday in the kill ing of Ben Chadwell by C. P., or "Toot,"

The feud between the two families was "There is very little to my, except that we had too much United States Mining stock which was discredited at the backs, stock which was discredited at the backs, and we were unable to carry on our business. It is too early to give any statement of our affairs."

It is too resist the governing powers, which is flenry was arrested for the seduction and well must be charge being the backs, and the back must be a self-inguisting in abuse of Colonel Blies and inguisting in abuse of Colonel Blies and inguisting in abuse of Colonel Blies and inguisting in the prosecution. One to get rid of her. Henry was arrested for the seduction and millionaire banker of Cleveland, and well known in the East as a railroad financier, has fallen out with Senator Hanna. The inspector is giving evidence against the accused, became badly rightened, He dedict him, which has only further inflamed for the seduction and millionaire banker of Cleveland, and well known in the East as a railroad financier, has fallen out with Senator Hanna The inspector in giving evidence against the accused, became badly rightened, He dedict him, which has only further inflamed. Event aspired to the seduction and millionaire banker of Cleveland, and well known in the East as a railroad financier, has fallen out with Senator Hanna the land publication and the colony and the colony and well known in the East as a railroad financier, has fallen out with Senator Hanna the land publication and the lan

resulting in shome of Colonel Bliss and these assisting in the prosecution. One inspector in giving evidence against the accused, became hadly rightened. He declared to the fiscal who was handling the case that he had been forced to testify by Colonel Bliss.

"What you have said is true" taked the fiscal.

"Yes," answered the inspector, "but I was scared into telling it."

In that he had poissoned the girl in order to girl in o was scared into telling it."

If the other Cubans are as easily effect Challwell was a prominent cattleman hardled at the trial the chance of con-

ALFRED BORLINI'S CRIME.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 27.-Alfred Bor-Blair county that a tract of land on the number of prominent merchants and Unit- American Bank and Trust Company, is Allegheny Mountains, including the famous ed States appraisers. Business for the time under guard of private detectives, who ar-Horreshoe Bend on the Pennsylvania Rall- being is seriously affected. While no rested him for emberzing \$7,560 from the road was without an owner. This vacant criminality is thought to attach to Gen-tract also includes the large reservoir eral Brooke it is asserted that the general which supplies Altosna with water.

This vacant criminality is thought to attach to Gen-bank. Borlini's offence is aggravated by the fact that he married on December 7 an Washington are also at Old Point ond Company for a warrant for the land, needigation at the department shows that The Naptints of Lieutenaut Vogetand given the option of restoring the money that Borlin's friends will save him from going to prison, but his bride has discoved him, and her family be especially bitter.

The case is peculiar in that Borlini has charmed in the family be expected by the case is peculiar in that borlini has charmed in the case is peculiar in that borlini has charmed in the case is peculiar. no great vice, except a passion for playing the city and spent several hours at the nickel in-slot machines. It is estimated that he spent the greater part of a good salary as receiving teller of the bank in.

The Congressional party reached OME.

stealing last May. His young wife is wealthy, but her relatives refuse to aid Borlini.

Senator Pettigrew met here teday to organ-ize an "American League," the purpose of other assistance is provided for her and which is preclaimed to be the "sustaining Mrs. Bathcook is the willow of Charles. of republican institutions against the ex-isting tendency toward imperialism, mili-tarism, and the control of all industrial twenty years upo, and is said to have twenty years upo, and is said to have beryative officials, who regard a strike at this time as little short of a calamity. The operators all over this region have served notice that they will not grant the increase demanded preferring to close their mines and corner coal. One operator sail tonight that he feared the worst though the strike might not be declared before January 2.

A Schooner on Fire.

PORTLAND, Me, Dec. 27.—The schooner theory N. Squire of Boston, bound from Rockland to New York, with a cargo of lime, Spring a leak off bile of Shouls this morning. She made Portland harbor the strike in gardent was a disable of Shouls this morning. She made Portland harbor the strike in grant the interval in strike in the fire some was not a correct one, but their score was not a correct one, but their score was not a correct one, but their morning. She made Portland harbor the strike in the strik

Santes Coffee Episode Ended. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.-An end was made of the Santon coffee episode today when the

board of health voted to allow the reasting of the 44,000 bags of coffee brought here by the J. W. Taylor, at one of the plants of Arbuckie Brothers, near Adams Street, Brooklyn. This action of the health com-missipters was based upon a report of their sunitary superintendent to the effect that might now be landed without The J. W. Taylor arrived at quarantine on

Partition of Portuguese Colonies. BERLIN, Dec. 27.-The "Lokal Anzei-

ger" says a secret Angio-German-Portuguese treaty divides Portuguese colonies, the cession of which is expected after the judgment of the Swiss arbitrators. Germany is to pay 15,000,00 marks for Timar, in the Malay ar-hipelage. Goa, is India; seen increment per cond. Damis and Macao, a Portuguene sempert town in China, and land north of the Zainbest, except a three-mile strip reserved for Cecil Rhodes' railway. England is to get Delagoa Bay and other African possessions.

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NEW DEMOCRATIC ISSUES

Mr. Danforth Discusses Conditions in the Southern States.

The Feeling General That Party Hendquarters Should Be in Washington in 1980-Silver Question in Abeyance to Trusts and Imperialism-Political Outlook Changed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.-Ellion Dunforth,

"The mentiment of the Democrats talked

Thayer, who was treasurer of the State committee at the time Senator Gallinger was chairman.

It is probable that the case will all he in by temurrow noon, but as other marters are to be brought before the jurous a report in this mest important case of all will be delayed until Friday, when the other fladings of the jury are reparted.

Senator Gallinger is at his home in this city, quietly awaiting the outcome and positively refuses to be interviewed conversing the charges which save been brought against him, or the probable disposition thereof. held, there is no doubt about the head of the ticket. Everywhere I heard only Mr. vill probably be selected as the Vice Pres-

MR. HANNA LOSES A FRIEND.

The Senator Quarrels With S. P. Everett, an Ohio Millionnire

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dog. 27 .- It is mared tensified a few weeks ago when Arthur here today that Sylvester T. Everett, the

> to Senator Hanna, and there was an ex-plosion. It is reported that Hanna said: Ves, you go your way and I'll go mize."

Kisson last spring for the nomination and

VANDERBILT AT OLD POINT. The Millionaire, Senators and Repre-

sentatives Enjoying the Resort NEWPORT NEWS VA. Day 27 -- Cornellus Vanderbilt and wife, of New York, are at the Chamberlin Hotel, and the folthe fact that be married on December : an estimable young woman, Miss Margaret United States Senator W. B. Allison Olcese, and went on his boarymoon, though Speaker Headerson, of the House of Reg to the Committee of the Committ

stot machines, which he played whenever. Point by aleamer early this morning. It he had any leasure. He says he began is understood that a political conference

Tomorrow morning the party will

The Trust Gives Votice to Merchants of an Advance. PROVIDENCE, H. L. Use, 27,-The price of thread has gone up. The J. & P. Centes

Co. the Williamntic Company, and the others in the thread trust are responsible for the raise in prices, which went into effect on December 21, according to notices processed by merchants.
One of these notices says that the new price of the best six-cord thread manufactured by both the Contex and Willi-November 18. The cargo might have been 27 1-2 cents per desce, arbiect to the usual landed just three weeks ago temorrow. Detrude discount. This discount allows the cember 6, according to Dr. Doty, without merchants at a small profit to sell the